

Election of Species

Applicants elect Species I as including claims 2 and 3 for initial prosecution in the present application. This election is with traverse.

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-12 are pending in the present application.

As noted above, Species I including claims 2 and 3 have been elected for initial prosecution in the present application.

This restriction requirement has been traversed for the following reasons. The Examiner has asserted in the current Office Action dated February 9, 2005, that no claims are generic. Applicants however respectfully submit that claim 1 is generic to each of Species I – XII. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge that claim 1 is generic, and to examine generic claim 1 along with claims 2 and 3 of elected Species I.

In the event that generic claim 1 is found to be allowable, the Examiner is respectfully requested to rejoin and examine claims 4-12, which should also be found allowable at least by reason of dependency upon claim 1.

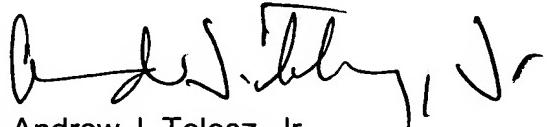
Favorable consideration and early allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, please contact Andrew J. Telesz, Jr. (Reg. No. 33,581) at (571) 283-0720 in the Washington, D.C. area, to discuss these matters.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0238 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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